

Agenda
**Labor-Management Advisory Council on
Workers' Compensation**

March 9, 2007

1:30 – 2:55 pm

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Access Code: *916471 (council and core team members)

Access Code: 70873 (everyone else)

- I. Approval of Agenda Lieutenant Governor John Bohlinger
Approval of Minutes, February 23, 2007
- II. Status of Work Comp Bills (see attached Bill Status) Jerry Keck, Administrator
Employment Relations Division
- Review of Approval Process

 - HB 65 - no action requested
 - HB 72 - no action requested
 - HB 738 – action requested
 - HB 785 – action requested
 - HB 786 – action requested

 - SB 97 – no action requested
 - SB108 – no action requested
 - SB 214 - no action requested
 - SB 426 - action requested
 - SB 444 - action requested
 - SB 511 – no action requested; informational only
- III. Agenda Items for Advisory Council Meeting in May Jerry Keck
- Summary of insurer financial results
 - Summary of legislative action
 - Safety/incident rate modeling
 - Exemptions and cost shifting
- IV. Opinion Editorial Bob Worthington, Jason Miller
- V. Public Comment
(If as a member of the public, you logged into the call using access code 70873, please press 6 on your keypad if you wish to comment.)
- VI. Next Steps Jerry Keck

Note:

- You may also participate in the conference call at the Employment Relations Division office at 1805 Prospect Avenue, Helena
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2007 Workers' Compensation Legislation
 Bill Status
 March 9, 2007

Bill	Short Title	Transmitted to Senate	Advisory Council action	Committee Hearing in Senate	
HB 65	Revise uninsured employer's subsequent injury fund-increase dept. inspect. auth.	1/30	2/2 Approved	3/6	
HB 72	Revise professional employer organization law	1/30	2/2 Approved	3/7	
HB 168	Clarify state fund obligation to provide default coverage	Tabled			
HB 508	Revise wages definition to reduce unemployment ins. and work comp contributions	Nontabled			
HB 553	Injured worker choice of rehabilitation services	Tabled			
HB 738	Revise work comp law for claim closure and medical services rates	2/27			
HB 785	Exempting certain athletes from workers' compensation	2/26			
HB 786	Exempt from work comp law certain motor carriers	2/27			

Bill	Short Title	Transmitted to House	Advisory Council action	Committee Hearing in House	
SB 97	Clarify handling of highway patrol work comp claims	1/16	1/19 Approved		
SB 108	Revise work comp laws-ind. contractors-med. fees-impaired insurers-etc	2/07	2/9 Approved		
SB191	Revise work comp exemption requirements for independent contractors	Tabled			
SB 214	Independent contractor exemption for certain corporate officers	1/31	2/2 Approved		
SB 426	Revise attorney fees for medical benefits in work comp cases	2/27			
SB 444	Revise APRN treating of injured workers	2/19	2/23 Discussed, no action		
SB 474	Revising State Fund's rate-setting to be under insurance code	Tabled			
SB 511	Regulate work comp claims examiners	Tabled			

Agency-requested bills in bold type
 Shaded bills are probably dead